

## THE CORPSE THAT KNEW THE LAW.

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David Wakefield was known in that far western region he inhabited for having as many lives as a cat. Thrice he was left for dead after altercations, and four times in illness the doctors gave him up. Once he tumbled off a cliff a hundred feet high, was caught on the limbs of a tree and landed on his feet without a scratch. But now Wakefield was dead. There had been altogether too much shooting in Paradise, and the people resolved to stop it. Wakefield was the next man to shoot some one, and the committee, wishing to make an example of him and fearing that if they looked into the matter they might run against a case of self defense or something of the kind, though they gave him a trial, did not take the trouble to summon witnesses for the defense. But, being law abiding men, they were very particular that the court routine should be observed even to asking the culprit if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him. He replied that he had been a lawyer in the better days and could clear himself, but what he wanted was rest in the grave.

And so he passed out. He was "hanged by the neck until he was dead," and papers were on file to show that he was physically and legally a corpse. The case would have been forever closed had not a young doctor who had reversed the usual course by beginning practice and studying afterward stolen him from his grave. Wakefield came to life in a warm room, espied a bottle, stimulated himself and when the doctor came back to cut him up was just setting the glass down on a table.

Wakefield, being "that broke," offered for \$100 to refrain from interfering of the doctor's breach of the law. The doctor refused the offer, and Wakefield sued him for interfering with his lawful sepulcher. Since Wakefield was legally dead the committee did not see how they could deprive him of life. But they granted him a trial of his suit against the doctor, in which the claimant laid the damages at \$1,000. About that time a lawyer came from an eastern law school and lunged out his shingle. The doctor retained him. (Wakefield stated his case in court thus: "Your honor, I am legally a corpse, and this case must be tried on such grounds. Death, according to the law, separates a man from all his earthly possessions except his body. It is a maxim of common law that there can be no property in a corpse—that is, no one living can own it. My corpse is my own property.")

"I claim," interrupted the opposing counsel, "that the plaintiff is Wakefield's ghost. Since he places his case on technicalities I will do the same. For him prove that he is not a disembodied spirit."

"It is not necessary," replied the plaintiff. "The law takes no cognizance of ghosts. When a man is dead the law says that he shall stay dead. His apparition has no standing in court, though his body has."

"It is the duty of the common law," the claimant went on, "to protect the repose of the dead." The law holds that the corpse, being the owner of itself before death, possesses certain rights over itself after it becomes dead. Every corpse has the inalienable right to six feet of ground to be buried in and the right of being buried. The law holds the owner of the premises on which a man dies responsible for his burial. This corpse died on grounds under the jurisdiction of the courts. The courts buried it, and the courts are responsible for its being left untouched in its grave."

"Your honor," interrupted opposing counsel, "the law gives no civil remedy for the stealing of a body, for there is no property right in a corpse to give any one a right to recover in a court for violation of sepulcher."

"The learned counsel," pursued the claimant, "should insert the word 'living.' I admit that no living person has a right to recover for violation of sepulcher. That right is vested in the corpse. But in previous cases the corpse has not come into court to claim its rights. A civil action may be brought for breaking and entering a place where the body is buried, the same constituting a trespass, for which damages can be recovered. The law has often interfered to protect the rights of our corpses. And as no one can own a body except his own no one can remove a body without the court's permission, which can only be granted in behalf of the body itself."

"Having shown your honor that the defendant is only accountable to me, a corpse, and that he has willfully interfered with my rest in the grave, has brought me back to a life that is irksome to me, I ask that he be commanded by the court to pay me the damages claimed."

The judge looked at the defendant's counsel, but he was so dazed by the remarkable legal knowledge on the part of a corpse that he could not think of a single argument in rebuttal. He collapsed.

At this point a stranger in those parts arose and said to his honor: "I am Judge Tatterton of the supreme court of — and traveling in your country. Permit me to say that the points stated by the plaintiff are legally correct in every particular."

"Judgment for the plaintiff," said the judge, "and be sure to enter it in favor of the corpse of David Wakefield, together with costs."

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## STONE WANTED A "HIGH HAT"

Tablespoonful of Whiskey Prompted Senator's Wrath

LUNCH LONG COMING, TOO

The Senator from Missouri Tells of the Incident on a Pullman Car While He Was on His Way to Baltimore.

Washington, July 29.—Senator William J. Stone of Missouri left for Baltimore at noon to appear in the police court of that city at 3 o'clock yesterday following his arrest Tuesday for slapping a negro waiter in a Pullman car. The senator declared that he would go to Baltimore "unattended." He said that it was his purpose to interpose a jurisdictional plea in defense. The fact that the affair occurred in Baltimore gives no jurisdiction to the Baltimore authorities, the senator holds. He is also inclined to believe that he is entitled to immunity from arrest under the federal constitution, which protects members of Congress from arrest while in the actual performance of their duty and going to and returning from the capital.

After Senator Stone returned to Washington at a late hour Tuesday night, he talked freely about the circumstances which led him to slap the face of the negro waiter on the train between Wilmington and Baltimore.

"A short time after we left Philadelphia, one of the attendants of the car came around with a menu card and I ordered a lamb chop and two soft boiled eggs—that was about all I wanted; in fact, I did not really want that, but I knew I must eat something," said the senator.

"When the waiter passed back through the car I asked him if he had any real good Scotch whiskey. He said they did have such an article in stock. I then told him to bring me a small quantity of Scotch whiskey in a small glass and with it a tumbler filled with cold water. The waiter went away and shortly returned with two small drinking glasses, the smallest I ever saw, one with about a tablespoonful of whiskey in it, and the other with about the same quantity of water."

"I mildly remonstrated and asked the waiter to give me a large glass. He did not seem to understand what a tumbler was. He was surly, but said nothing and left me. He came back soon with a frown on his face, leaving me a large glass with a lump of ice in it, but no water."

"I asked him why he did not bring the water. He left me, but made no explanation. After waiting for a long time, and the negro not returning, I went to the water cooler and filled my glass and returned to my seat and drank the whiskey. It was at this point that the other five or six men in the car were served their lunches."

"After all had finished and had commenced to smoke, and my lunch, not having reached me, I got up and went to the end of the car. There I found the code. I asked him why he had not served my lunch, and told him this was very poor service, and that I intended to report the matter to the railroad officers and see if the service could not be improved. The cook was all courtesy, and explained that my lunch had been ready some time, but that the waiter had failed to serve it."

"At this juncture the waiter came up and I asked him why my lunch had not been served. His reply was something that I do not remember at this time, but his manner of insolence and insulting spirit nettled me, and I slapped him in the face."

"That is all there is to the assault. There was no excitement, the negro made no attempt to strike me, nor was it necessary for anyone to interfere. Please state that there were no ladies present in the car. The slapping took place in the state of Delaware."

**SERBIAN PRINCE COMING.**

Peter Will Reach New York on Saturday.

New York, July 29.—Cable orders to reserve a suite for a "Prince Peter of Serbia and servants, arriving on the Philadelphia, Saturday," have been received at the Plaza hotel. It is believed that the prince is former Crown Prince George, who abdicated not long ago in favor of his brother.

**At Napoleon's Tomb.**

It was in Paris. The loquacious guide was exhibiting to the interested Yankee tourist the tomb of Napoleon with all the customary flourishes of both language and hands.

"This immense sarcophagus," exclaimed the guide, "weighs forty tons. Inside of that, sir, is a steel receptacle weighing twelve tons, and inside of that is a leaden casket, hermetically sealed, weighing over two tons. Inside of that rests a mahogany coffin containing the remains of a great man."

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BANDY INSIDE ARRANGEMENT.

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**Her Home.**  
Some years ago, when a part of the Japanese imperial palace was burned at Tokyo, the empress was forced to flee to one of the old daimyo houses near by. It was not at all comfortable, and, as the story goes, her majesty, appreciating that her subjects would be much concerned at her living in such a mean place, set down and wrote them a little poem in which she stated that she had changed her residence. The poem, which was in the best Japanese language, stated that her majesty's home had always been in the hearts of the people and that neither the flames nor the cold could ever drive her from that dear abode.

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## SPAIN UNDER MARTIAL LAW

The Country in a State of Open Revolution

AIMED AGAINST THE WAR

No Long, Bloody Conflict in Africa Is Wanted—Strong Fight Is Being Waged Now by the Moors.

Madrid, July 29.—King Alfonso yesterday afternoon issued a decree proclaiming martial law and the suspension of constitutional guarantees throughout Spain.

The king's proclamation of martial law throughout the country followed his hurried arrival from San Sebastian yesterday morning, from which point he had been summoned by Premier Maura.

The official dispatches of the night had continued to show an alarming condition of affairs at Barcelona and neighboring towns through Catalonia.

A special meeting of the cabinet was summoned and the situation in the disturbed districts, as well as the critical condition of the Spanish military forces in Morocco, was fully discussed. The result of the cabinet conference was the issuance of the king's decree proclaiming martial law throughout Spain and the suspension of all constitutional guarantees.

The latest reports from Barcelona show the conditions there increasingly grave. The rioters have attacked the convent of the Little Sisters of the Poor. This followed the riotous disorders when the mob burned several of the religious establishments, following their attack by a fusillade on the captain general and his escort.

The minister of the interior is besieged with inquiries as to the various outbreaks, but he declines to make public the details of the disorders in the Valencian towns. He has announced, however, that the government will adopt drastic measures of repression, in order to give an example to the turbulent element.

Another official dispatch states that the custom house has been closed on the frontier near Cerbera, owing to the popular demonstration against the government officers.

The populace continues to tear up the railway and noisily interferences at the points where reserves are being recruited for military service. The chief indignation of the people is directed against the government's policy of rapidly recruiting a large army to cope with the grave condition confronting Spain in Morocco.

The inhabitants of Cutera, a small station of the Port Bou line, maddened by the sight of a passing train carrying recruits, destroyed the roadbed for a distance of seven kilometers.

Much apprehension is felt here, over the situation in the provinces of Catalonia, Tarragona and Gerona. The latest official reports from Barcelona indicate that anarchy is almost at the mercy of the mob.

The notorious anarchists, Chardanal and Berrocas, are represented as being the leaders in the rioting, which was accompanied by incendiarism and the destruction of property. The conquest of Murcia was taken by assault and the church of St. Paul and the Congregational schools of St. Antonio were burned.

Bands of strikers were dispatched from Barcelona to the surrounding country to destroy the railroad with the object of preventing the arrival of troops to reinforce the Barcelona garrison. The troops from Valencia were forced to disembark at Vendrell, 17 miles from Tarragona.

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ragons, from where they drove the strikers before them.

The events in Catalonia have caused some reaction in public opinion. The Conservative newspapers of Madrid protest against the revolution which the country is fighting to maintain its honor on foreign soil, and they appeal to the public to sink political differences and support the government in its vigorous repression of anarchy and sedition at Barcelona.

**SHOPS ARE CLOSED.**

City of Barcelona Is in a Real State of Siege.

Cerbers, France, July 29.—The shops in Barcelona remain closed and the streets and public buildings are occupied by troops. Serious fighting occurred on Tuesday at the "House of the People," the headquarters of the rioters, when the strikers were ejected. For fully an hour the strikers held the building against the police and the civil guard, but finally were overpowered. Many persons were wounded on both sides.

The railroad bridges between Gerona and Barcelona have been burned and a train bound for Portbou, a village on the Mediterranean, was unable to proceed beyond Villajoyosa, where the passengers left the cars and continued on foot.

## UNABLE TO DRIVE MOORS FROM STRONGHOLD

Spaniards Hope to Hold Out in Fight Until Reinforcements Arrive Next Monday.

Madrid, July 28.—The battle of the Moors and the Spanish garrison at Melilla was resumed this morning on the field piled with corpses in yesterday's fighting. The casualties are heavy and General Pintos other officers have fallen. This morning the Spaniards were unsuccessful in the attempt to drive the Moors from their stronghold in Bouda-Churga and are preparing another attack. The government is hoping against hope the 7,000 Spaniards may hold out till the arrival of 5,000 reinforcements on Monday.

**CONDITIONS TERRIBLE.**

Barcelona, Spain, Has Thus Far Appealed to Madrid in Vain.

Barcelona, Spain, July 29.—Barcelona, Spain, is today completely in the hands of the lawless. Murder and pillage are rampant, according to dispatches here. All telegraphic appeals to Madrid for aid in quelling the anti-war riots failing, continue were sent to the capital hoping that personal presentation of the conditions would bring relief. All trains leaving Barcelona have been stopped and the passengers pulled out. Several were killed. All the principal streets of the city are barricaded and the firing is constant. It is thought a hundred have been killed.

**CHOLERA RAVAGES IN RUSSIA.**

A Panic in the City of Polotsk Is Reported.

St. Petersburg, July 29.—Despatches received here yesterday from Polotsk, in the government of Vitebsk, the only city in Russia aside from St. Petersburg where the cholera has made much headway, say that the city is full of panic owing to the inefficiency of the sanitary administration and the shortage of physicians. Forty cases of the disease are reported daily, and to cope with this situation there are only five doctors, who are overwhelmed with work that they are obliged to refuse their services. At night heart-breaking scenes are witnessed at the physicians' offices, where relatives of the stricken fairly fight to secure attention. Many stores have been closed and all well-to-do persons are fleeing from the city.

**TRYING TO LEARN LOSS.**

Since Assistant Cashier Left Have Found \$240,000 Shortage.

Tipton, Ind., July 29.—An examination of the affairs of the First National bank of this city was begun yesterday by Miller Wehr, examiner-at-large for the Treasury Department to determine the exact amount of the losses revealed following the disappearance of Noah R. Markler, the assistant cashier. Sixty thousand dollars in cash was missed after Markler's departure. In addition to this sum, it is said that \$80,000 had been taken from the bank's funds through a period of eighteen months. Added to the loss of \$200,000 in cash, the whole shortage in the bank's funds is given as \$120,000.

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## MAGAZINE REVIEW.

The Southern Post.

A tall yellow man urged his mule along the dusty road. At the edge of town he overtook an old negro.

"Hold up, Sam," said the old man, "what's the fuss at St. Joe? I seen a mighty big crowd in town, and started down to find out what's de matter."

"Boll weevil," answered the yellow man.

"What's dat?"

"It's a bug," the hurrying rider called behind him.

The old negro stopped and grunted in utter disgust: "Did you eber hear de beat o' dat? Makin' all dat fuss over a bug."

St. Joe was in a ferment over a bug; not a common ordinary bug, but that greatest enemy of agriculture, the boll weevil.

This destructive insect comes from Mexico, the only free-list importation that enters the South. Mr. Weevil does not masquerade as an article of consumption, being pre-eminently a consumer himself. The daintiest of all epicures, he eats nothing but cotton, and selects only the choicest bolls. He does not injure the plant itself, destroying only the fruit. The boll grows tall and gloriously green, but when the weevil gets through with it, one hundred acres may not yield a single bale.—From Success Magazine.

Some Charming Recollections of Edward Everett Hale.

Edward Everett Hale's later literary life was intimately associated with Woman's Home Companion, to which he was a regular contributor in the last years of his life. The August issue of this magazine contains a number of charming anecdotes about Doctor Hale, his secretary writing about Doctor Hale says:

"He loved out of doors, and this was written mornings as we sat on what he called his quarter-deck, overlooking the garden. So many times he would stop in the middle of a sentence and say: 'This is the kingdom of heaven,' or 'Isn't this as nice as they make it?' or some such phrase which showed his joy in life. I always had to make him stop dictating. And he would so often beg, 'Just one sentence more and then I'll be as good as you wish.'"

The house in Roxbury which was his home for so many years was, like himself, built upon generous lines. It is a wide, double house with stately pillars at the front. At the rear, on the first floor, was his commodious library, full to overflowing with all sorts of "books which are books." In one of his poems (Lumina) he describes his garden on the Isle of Wight as a "careless-order'd garden." Hale's library was a careless-order'd library, apparently, responding to what his friend Star King would have called a law of disorder. What a captivating retreat it was—especially when his master sat and discoursed in it. He said to me one day when I was in Roxbury: "Till you know how I came to get this house, I advertised for it, and put in the advertisement, 'modern improvements no object.'"

Woman's Home Companion for August.

"Susanna and Sue" begins in the August issue of Woman's Home Companion. The scene of the story is laid in a Shaker village, which gives an opportunity for a novel plot. The first installment promises even greater charm than Mrs. Wiggin's famous earlier books.

Edward Everett Hale's reminiscences are appearing exclusively in Woman's Home Companion. Now that his revered white head and kindly smile have gone forever, these reminiscences, always charming, have an added interest.

Edward Everett Hale's death is a peculiar loss to the Woman's Home Companion, to which he has contributed so constantly for the last few years. The August issue is an appreciation of Doctor Hale's life and work has some new anecdotes that are full of the charm of Doctor Hale's personality.

This issue has none of the poverty of many summer magazines. There are eight stories in it—each good and each novel.

The mother of to-day has a problem her grandmother never knew. The modern girl, after many years at school, looks with scorn at the housekeeping which her mother knows is so important. In "What Mothers Can Do" the Woman's Home Companion points out a way to make the college girl "the daughter of the house" in the old-fashioned sense.

Marion Harland, in a veritable literary pilgrimage through Europe, has discovered many unpublished stories of famous men and women, which she will tell to Companion readers in her delightfully intimate way. The first of the series deals with the ever-interesting Empress Josephine at Malmaison—where she died.

The matter of diet in summer is one fraught with many difficulties. In the Woman's Home Companion for August Dr. Woods Hutchinson claims that we are apt to starve ourselves in summer. He says that we suffer from the heat because of bad physical condition, and that we would feel the heat less if we ate three good meals a day.

"Salt-cake Photography," "Camp Cooking" and "Washing Fineries" are of special interest right now.

The children's department and the fashion department are both particularly good. The embroidery pages are full of summer ideas, and Fannie Merritt Farmer supplies enough ideas for novel cool drinks to last the whole summer.

## No Man is Stronger Than His Stomach

A strong man is strong all over. No man can be strong who is suffering from weak stomach with its consequent indigestion, or from some other disease of the stomach and its associated organs, which impairs digestion and nutrition. For when the stomach is weak or diseased there is loss of the nutrition contained in food, which is the source of all physical strength. When a man "doesn't feel just right," when he doesn't sleep well, has an uncomfortable feeling in the stomach after eating, is languid, nervous, irritable and despondent, he is losing the nutrition needed to make strength.

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If one has a brood patch which he wants cleaned up, nothing will do the job more quickly and thoroughly than a bunch of Ancona geese. They are a veritable scourge to the horticultural world.

An Illinois poultry breeder has five White Wyandotte hens which have laid 1,223 eggs in one year, or an average of 223.4 each. The oldest hen in the flock, the mother of the other four, laid 293 eggs in eleven months.

It is a puzzle how so many kids survive the August period of dog days, soaking in swimming holes, green beans and half grown apples, but it seems that a vast majority of them do and are no worse for the ordeal.

Alfalfa meal—ground alfalfa hay—contains about 14 per cent of protein, 2 per cent of sap, 25 per cent of crude fiber and 1 per cent of ash. It is because of the above ingredients that it is worth, pound for pound, as much as bran and sells for about the same price on the market.

Kansas holds the blue ribbon for the highest price ever paid for a load of farm products in the shape of a load of alfalfa seed bought by a dealer at Garden City. The load weighed 19,738 pounds, or 828.63 bushels. The price paid was \$8 per bushel, and the value of the whole load was \$2,631.15.

The Minnesota Agricultural college has ascertained through experiments that the cost of raising ten tons of green corn per acre and putting it into the silo is \$18.20, making one pound of digestible nutrients cost 53 mills. An acre of mangels yielding twenty tons cost \$34.12 to raise and harvest, making a pound of digestible nutrients cost 93 mills, or nearly twice the cost of the silage.

Among the many wonders of the insect world none is more marvelous than the queen bee. She has been known to lay as high as 3,000 eggs a day, and during her life of about five years it is estimated that she sometimes produces a total of 25,000,000 eggs. Without the queen a swarm of bees would become extinct in a short time. Queen bees are scarce, and good ones bring all the way from \$1 to \$18 apiece.

The owner of the Canyon ranch in Texas has been pasturing 16,000 sheep during the present season in the La Sarge pasture near Kaw City, Okla. The herd is divided into seven flocks, each being in charge of a Mexican herder, who does his work on foot, carries a small tent and provisions about with him, does his own cooking and moves his flock from place to place under the direction of the American superintendent who has charge of the outfit.